

PATENT

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TITLE: PROCESS FOR TREATING A POLISHED SEMICONDUCTOR
WAFER IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER
HAS BEEN POLISHED

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

ATTN: BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the First Office Action dated June 25, 1999,
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice, and please
incorporate the limitations thereof into claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) Process for treating a polished semiconductor
wafer [comprising] consisting essentially of the steps of
polishing a surface of a semiconductor wafer; [and]
immediately after polishing the semiconductor wafer,
bringing the semiconductor wafer into contact with an aqueous
treatment agent solution for oxidizing the polished surface by
action of the aqueous treatment agent solution; and